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Kids for "HIS KIDS"



New shoes

Children seem to grasp the concept of generosity instinctively. At least for individuals other than their siblings. How generous children can be was recently demonstrated by a group of kids at the third-and-fourth-grade age level. These children learned about ICC and how we take care of children who have been orphaned through their sabbath school class at the North Cascade Adventist church in Burlington, WA.

Their sabbath school teacher, Loni Carambot, as well as guest speakers which included Rick and Sharon Fleck, taught the

children about ICC. The children were able to sample ethnic cuisines that represented the different cultures of ICC's children and learn of the geography found where our children's villages are established. As their knowledge grew, these children decided to conduct a mission project to help ICC's children.

They also heard the stories surrounding ICC's shipment of a container—complete with a boat—to our children in the

D.R. Congo. The story of how we anointed the container prior to shipping inspired the children to anoint their donations before they were sent. As this was a spur-of-the-moment decision

and there was no anointing oil available, salad dressing was a handy substitute.

As the mission project progressed, the children earned money at home to help

buy shoes and also collected

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Sabbath School Class

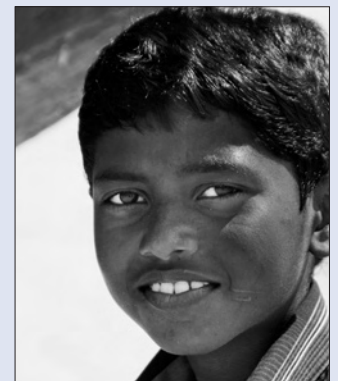
PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Ashok

I need a sponsor. I am 11 years old and live in India. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

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Tired soles

toys, clothes, shoes and dry food. Kallan Richards, a third grader, together with her family, sold special possessions and was able to bring in \$200 herself. "I wanted to help the other kids", she noted. All together these children raised just over \$500 to benefit ICC and our kids. It was enough money to purchase twenty-five pairs of shoes.

The funds arrived in the D.R. Congo at a most opportune moment. Local supplies were getting scarce due to the prolonged ethnic war that had been decimating the eastern

D.R. Congo for over a decade. Recently the children in Mrs. Carambot's class received photos of the shoes that had been purchased with the funds they had donated. As this article is being written, Rick and Sharon are in the D.R. Congo visiting our Patmos Children's Village. They plan to bring back a personal letter of thanks for the children of Mrs. Carambot's sabbath school class from our director in the D.R. Congo, Désiré Murhima.

It's the generosity of children like those from Mrs. Carambot's sabbath school class combined with yours that enables us to continue providing loving families and homes for "His Kids." Thanks again for all you are doing on behalf of the children of ICC. And maybe you could inspire a local group of children to start their own project that would help ICC care for even more of the orphaned and abandoned children who so desperately need our help.

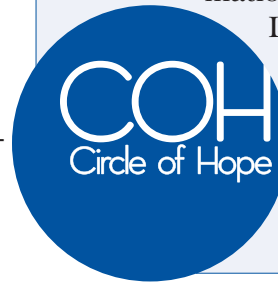
UPCOMING event

Please plan on attending our third "Circle of Hope" fundraising event. This free event will raise awareness about the ICC ministry and our need for general fund donations.

All supporters of ICC, and especially those within the greater Portland, Or, Vancouver, Wa, area are urged to attend. The program will be on Sunday, November 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist Church, 11001 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604. Please bring a friend so you can share the vision of ICC.

You will need to reserve your seats for this event. For further information, please contact

Liana St. Clair at 360.573.0429 ext. 2021. Liana's email is: Liana@forhiskids.org.



CHRISTMAS container

A Container loaded down with gifts of love! Our children in Guatemala desperately need supplies of many kinds. We need you to help us in this effort. The cost of shipping this CHRISTmas container to Guatemala is about \$7,500, and then we need to fill it with supplies for their needs.

Will you please help us provide funds and/or products for the needs of the children of Los Pinos so that they will have a special Christmas this year? We can't do this without the help of our ICC family. You will be able to check our "items needed list" at the following link: www.forhiskids.org/container2009.php

If you want to be a part of this special CHRISTmas gift for the children of Los Pinos, please send in your donations right away to our office and mark them "Guatemala CHRISTmas Container." I know that the lives of the children will be greatly blessed, but I think that you might just find that you end up receiving the greatest CHRISTmas blessing!



A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

It was on the road in front of the playground of the mission school near our Salvador Children's Village, EL HOGAR ESCUELA ADVENTISTA. A staff member from the Children's Village was going by and saw a group of the children from the playground surrounding a little girl who was crying. With a closer look he saw she was bleeding on her head. He leaned down and asked her, "Que pasa? What happened?"

When she saw she was safe, she tried to tell her story. She was hungry as well as hurting from her injuries. Evidently, her mother had a drinking problem. In a drunken rage she had dragged her by the hair, kicked and beat her and then thrown her into a thorn bush and left her there. When she got loose from the thorns she ran and ran, afraid that her mother would follow her. She didn't know where she was running, but she finally came to the play ground where she saw children.

Edalia was 11 when she escaped from her abusive mother. Our staff person took her to the office, where he filled out papers after investigating who she was. She ended up going back home, even though she didn't want to, but she was allowed to start attending the mission school. Even though she still lived at home, she continued attending school, but always told people she was from the children's village. Finally, when she was in the 7th grade she was allowed to move into the mission school dormitory. A sponsor was found for her and eventually, she and some of the other girls, sponsored through the Children's Village, were moved to the Village campus. Even though her mother lived near by, she agreed to leave Edalia, as well as her sister there, and a sponsor was found for her.

Edalia adapted to her new home. She especially loved to care for and work with the younger children. During her years in the Village, she was a willing worker, helping in the kitchen or wherever she was needed. She also worked tutoring some of the younger children in their studies. Her mother visited the girls, but Edalia could never forget the trauma she had received in her mother's drunken rages. At times the broken relationship with her mother troubled her, but she had bonded with her new caretakers and felt that the Village was her real home.



Walking the campus



Our playground in El Salvador

She finished her studies at the secondary school of the mission and then sponsors were found so she could go to Costa Rica at the Adventist University. She chose to study Education and today she is a qualified teacher in an Adventist grade school in another one of the Central American countries.

In spite of her traumatic childhood, even though she doesn't have a close relationship with her mother, she knows her mother's life is hard and

struggles to find money for food, she wants to be able to help her some each month out of her salary.

Joel and Jenny were our directors at our Children's Village in Salvador after ICC took over the project there until recently. They told me Idalia's story. "Idalia says, 'My life is a miracle. I am alive and well because of what God has done for me. He brought me here where I found love and security, and where I learned to know and love Him. No matter where I go to work, I will always feel that this place is my real home.'"



Activities and Clubs

Her story is typical of our ICC children as they grow up and find their place in life. They love to go back when it is possible and they want to always feel that they can call that Children's Village their home. That is the most important part of ICC, providing children a home, not just being one of many in an institution as is the case in most orphanages. They need the warmth and security of a Christian home, where they can learn about a God who is preparing them "forever homes" and to know that God loved them enough to send His Son, Jesus, to die for them. It means a lot for them to learn that Jesus cares about them individually, and has a plan for their life.



El Salvador streets

Our goal is to continue to give homeless children a home, even when the economy looks bleak. We have some room in some of our facilities for more children and I don't think there will ever be a time, until Jesus comes back, when there aren't hundreds of children out there in the cold, hostile world needing homes. Your prayers and support are needed to help us find more people who care about these children. More sponsors will increase our budgets so we can fill every bed. Thank you, each one, for your faithful support, sacrifice and prayers for the children of International Children's Care.

With my love,

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